

Croquet Communique – 27th January 2022

Floodlit Match

On Monday, 24th January 2022, a challenge floodlit mini match was played against Phyllis Court, who were represented by Chris Roberts and Roger Goldring. The Roehampton Club team were Tim Russell and Tony Salem who played some excellent golf croquet to run out winners, 4-1, after some very competitive games.

Next floodlit match is against Surbiton on 16th February, at Roehampton Club.



Internal Summer Competitions

The entry forms for the Internal Summer Competitions were emailed out on Wednesday, 19th January. We encourage all to enter some events but please read the Rules before you complete the form. The final submission date for entries is 21st February.

'Whites' – white clothing, while encouraged, is not a requirement for the internal summer competitions.

Work on Lawn One

The weather has caused some disruption over the last few weeks. Work on Lawn One has been delayed and it probably be another two weeks before it is completed. Lawn two will then be closed while work is carried out on the west boundary.

Frost

Frost has caused significant delays to the morning opening of lawns, frequently delayed to 12.00, and Lawn Four sometimes closed for most of the day due to being in the shadow of Fairacres.



Next winter the problem could be worse as the new Tennis Airhall covering tennis courts 7-10, which has now received planning permission, will be directly behind lawns two and three. I can assure Members of the Croquet Section that the Committee is working closely with the Club to look to ensure that croquet will not be adversely impacted. The subject was discussed at great length at the most recent Committee Meeting

Solutions suggested include the purchase of an additional lighting rig, $\frac{3}{4}$ lawns to be marked out closer to the Pavilion. The Club will look to install noise reducing boarding that will also help block the view. A living wall is also under consideration to replace the hedge which will be removed to facilitate the installation of the Airhall. We will keep you updated.

Enjoy your croquet!

Mike Pattison, Croquet Captain